

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Mario Festag et al. Confirmation No. 4756
Applic. No. : 10/047,800
Filed : January 15, 2002
Title : Housing-Shaped Shielding Plate for the
Shielding of an Electrical Component
Examiner : Briggitte R. Hammond - Art Unit: 2833

L E T T E R

Commissioner for Patents,
Alexandria, VA 22313

S i r :

This letter is responsive to the Office action dated January 30, 2004.

On page 2 of the above-identified Office action, the Examiner has indicated that the submission filed on October 30, 2003 is not fully responsive.

More specifically, the Examiner stated that applicants' amendment has changed the scope of the claims, which would cause the application to be classified in another class. Even though in the Advisory Action issued by Examiner on October 15, 2003, the Examiner indicated that the amendment submitted on September 29, 2003 would not be considered because it merely raised new issues, which would require further

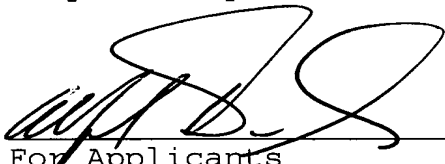
consideration. More specifically the Examiner stated that the addition of the slot(s) being antenna(s) would require further consideration.

The Examiner's supervisor, Examiner Bradley was contacted in regard to this matter. Examiner Bradley indicated that applicants can convert the originally filed RCE to a divisional application in response to the Office action. Examiner Bradley indicated that she has confirmed this with a quality Examiner in the Special Programs Department.

Based upon the above-given comments, applicants are submitting a divisional application with the claims in the form as amended in the amendment submitted on September 29, 2004 along with this letter in response to the Office action.

Respectfully submitted,

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